

BILL NUMBER: SB 1211 INTRODUCED
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INTRODUCED BY Senator Padilla

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An act to add Section 53121 to the Government Code, and to amend Section 41030 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to emergency services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1211, as introduced, Padilla. Emergency services: Next Generation 911.

Existing law requires the Office of Emergency Services to determine annually, on or before October 1, a surcharge rate that it estimates will produce sufficient revenue to fund the current fiscal year's 911 costs, as specified.

This bill would require the office to develop a plan and timeline of target dates for testing, implementing, and operating a Next Generation 911 emergency communication system, including text to 911 service, throughout California. The bill would require the office, in determining the surcharge rate, to additionally include costs it expects to incur, consistent with the plan and timeline, to plan, test, implement, and operate Next Generation 911 technology and services, including text to 911 service. The bill would require the office, no later than September 1 of each year, at least one month before determining the surcharge rate, to prepare a summary of the calculation of the proposed surcharge and make it available to the Legislature and the 911 Advisory Board, and on the office's Internet Web site.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 53121 is added to the Government Code, to read:

53121. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall develop a plan and timeline of target dates for the testing, implementation, and operation of a Next Generation 911 emergency communication system, including text to 911 service, throughout California.

(b) In order to maximize efficiency and contain costs, the Next Generation 911 emergency communication system shall incorporate, where consistent with public safety and technologically feasible, shared infrastructure and elements of other public safety and emergency communications networks, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Public safety communications identified in the annual plan required by subdivision (b) of Section 15277.

(2) Local and regional public safety broadband networks authorized by the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

(Public Law 111-5).

(3) Public safety broadband networks authorized by the federal Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-96).

(4) Public safety radio and communications facilities used for the purpose of public warnings pursuant to Section 15254.

SEC. 2. Section 41030 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:

41030. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall determine annually, on or before October 1, a surcharge rate that it estimates will produce sufficient revenue to fund the current fiscal year's 911 costs. The surcharge rate shall be determined by dividing the costs (including incremental costs) the Office of Emergency Services estimates for the current fiscal year of 911 plans approved pursuant to Section 53115 of the Government Code, less the available balance in the State Emergency Telephone Number Account in the General Fund, by its estimate of the charges for intrastate telephone communications services and VoIP service to which the surcharge will apply for the period of January 1 to December 31, inclusive, of the next succeeding calendar year, but in no event shall such surcharge rate in any year be greater than three-quarters of 1 percent nor less than one-half of 1 percent.

(b) When determining the surcharge rate, the office shall include the costs it expects to incur to plan, test, implement, and operate Next Generation 911 technology and services, including text to 911 service, consistent with the plan and timeline required by Section 53121 of the Government Code.

(c) No later than September 1 of each year, at least one month before determining the surcharge rate pursuant to subdivision (a), the office shall prepare a summary of the calculation of the proposed surcharge and make it available to the Legislature and the 911 Advisory Board, and on the office's Internet Web site.